



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

The Emergency Food Assistance Program; Availability of Foods for Fiscal Year 2023

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the surplus and purchased foods that the Department expects to make available for donation to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to the needy under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The foods made available under this notice must, at the discretion of the State, be distributed to eligible recipient agencies (ERAs) for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (EFAA), 7 U.S.C. 7501, *et seq.*, and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Department makes foods available to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to those in need through TEFAP. In accordance with section 214 of the EFAA, 7 U.S.C. 7515, funding for TEFAP foods is allocated among States according to a formula that accounts for poverty and unemployment levels within each State. Section 214(a)(1) of the Act requires that 60 percent of each State's allocation be based on the number of people with incomes below the poverty level within the State; and section 214(a)(2) requires that the remaining 40 percent be equal to the percentage of the nation's unemployed persons within the State. State officials are responsible for establishing the network through which the foods will be

used by ERAs in providing nutrition assistance to those in need and for allocating foods among those ERAs. States have full discretion in determining the amount of foods that will be made available to ERAs for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

Surplus Foods

Surplus foods donated for distribution under TEFAP are Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) foods purchased under the authority of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, 7 U.S.C. 1431 (section 416) and foods purchased under the surplus removal authority of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 7 U.S.C. 612c (section 32). The types of foods typically purchased under section 416 include dairy, grains, oils, and peanut products. The types of foods purchased under section 32 include meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, dry beans, juices, and fruits.

Approximately \$233.1 million in surplus foods acquired in FY 2022 are being delivered to States in FY 2023. Surplus foods currently scheduled for delivery include almonds, beans, bison, cherries, chicken, dates, fish, grapes, shrimp, peaches, pistachios, nectarines, raisins, sweet potatoes, and walnuts. Other surplus foods may be made available to TEFAP throughout the year. The Department would like to point out that food acquisitions are based on changing agricultural market conditions; therefore, the availability of foods is subject to change.

Purchased Foods

In accordance with section 27 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Secretary is directed to purchase an estimated \$445.5 million worth of foods in FY 2023 for distribution through TEFAP. In addition, States will receive up to \$943 million in supplemental foods and operational expenses provided under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit

Corporation. These foods are made available to States in addition to those surplus foods which otherwise might be provided to States for distribution under TEFAP.

For FY 2023, the Department anticipates purchasing the foods listed in the following table for distribution through TEFAP. The amounts of each item purchased will depend on the prices the Department must pay, as well as the quantity of each item requested by the States. Changes in agricultural market conditions may result in the availability of additional types of foods or the non-availability of one or more foods listed in the table.

FY 2023 USDA Foods Available List for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

FRUITS	VEGETABLES
Apples, Braeburn, Fresh	Beans, Green, Low-sodium, Canned (K)
Apples, Empire, Fresh	Beans, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen
Apples, Fuji, Fresh	Carrots, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen
Apples, Gala, Fresh	Carrots, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned
Apples, Granny Smith, Fresh	Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Canned (K)
Apples, Red Delicious, Fresh	Corn, Cream Style, Low sodium, Canned
Apples, Fresh	Mixed Vegetables, 7-Way Blend, Low-sodium, Canned
Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened	Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Frozen
Apple Slices, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF)	Mixed Produce Box, Fresh
Applesauce, Unsweetened, Canned (K)	Peas, Green, Low-sodium, Canned
Applesauce, Unsweetened, Cups, Shelf-Stable	Peas, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen
Apricots, Halves, Extra Light Syrup, Canned	Potatoes, Dehydrated Flakes
Blueberries, Highbush, Frozen	Potatoes, Round, Fresh
Cherry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened	Potatoes, Russet, Fresh
Cranberry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened	Potatoes, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned
Cranberries, Dried, Individual Portion	Pumpkin, No Salt Added, Canned
Grape Juice, Concord, 100%, Unsweetened	Spaghetti Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned
Grapefruit Juice, 100%, Unsweetened	Spinach, Low-sodium, Canned
Fruit and Nut Mix, Dried	Sweet Potatoes, Fresh
Mixed Fruit, Extra Light Syrup, Canned	Tomato Juice, 100%, Low-sodium
Oranges, Fresh	Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned
Orange Juice, 100%, Unsweetened	Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned (K) (H)
Peaches, Freestone, Slices, Frozen	Tomato Soup, Condensed, Low-sodium, Canned
Peaches, Sliced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned	Tomatoes, Diced, No Salt Added, Canned
Pears, Bartlett, Fresh	Vegetable Soup, Condensed, Low-Sodium, Canned
Pears, Bosc, Fresh	
Pears, D'Anjou, Fresh	LEGUMES
Pears, Fresh	Beans, Black, Low-sodium, Canned
Pears, Extra Light Syrup, Canned (K)	Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Low-sodium, Canned
Plums, Pitted, Dried	Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Dry
Raisins, Unsweetened, Individual Portion	Beans, Garbanzo, Canned (K)
Raisins, Unsweetened	Beans, Great Northern, Dry
DAIRY	Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Low-sodium, Canned
Cheese, American, Reduced Fat, Loaves, Refrigerated	Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Dry
Cheese, Cheddar, Yellow, Shredded, Refrigerated	Beans, Lima, Baby, Dry
Milk, 1%, Shelf-Stable UHT	Beans, Pinto, Low-sodium, Canned
Milk, 1%, Individual Portion, Shelf-Stable UHT	Beans, Pinto, Dry
Milk 1% Fresh	Beans, Refried, Low-sodium, Canned
Milk, Skim, Fresh	

FY 2023 USDA Foods Available List for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (cont.)	
LEGUMES (CONT.)	GRAINS
Beans, Vegetarian, Low-sodium, Canned	Bakery Mix, Lowfat
Lentils, Dry	Cereal, Wheat Farina, Enriched
Peas, Green Split, Dry	Crackers, Unsalted
PROTEIN FOODS	Flour, All Purpose, Enriched, Bleached
Alaska Pollock Fish, Whole Grain Breaded Sticks, Frozen	Flour, White Whole Wheat (WG)
Alaska Pollock Fish, Fillets, Frozen	Grits, Corn, White
Beef, Canned/Pouch	Grits, Corn, Yellow
Beef, Fine Ground, 85% Lean/15% Fat, Frozen	Oats, Rolled, Quick Cooking (WG)
Beef, Fine Ground, 85% Lean/15% Fat, Frozen, LFTB OPT, Frozen	Pasta, Egg Noodles
Beef Stew, Canned/Pouch	Pasta, Macaroni, Enriched
Catfish, Fillets, Frozen	Pasta, Macaroni, (WG)
Chicken, Canned	Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese
Chicken, Pouch	Pasta, Rotini, (WG)
Chicken, Split Breast, Frozen	Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched
Chicken, Whole, Frozen	Pasta, Spaghetti, (WG)
Eggs, Fresh	Rice, Brown, Long-Grain, Parboiled (WG)
Egg Mix, Dried	Rice, Medium Grain
Peanut Butter, Smooth	Rice, Long Grain
Peanut Butter, Smooth (K)	Tortillas, Whole Grain, Frozen (WG)
Peanut Butter, Smooth, Individual Portion	OILS
Peanuts, Roasted, Unsalted	Oil, Vegetable
Pork, Canned/Pouch	OTHER
Pork, Ham, Frozen	Soup, Cream of Chicken, Condensed, Reduced Sodium
Pork, Chops, Boneless, Frozen	Soup, Cream of Mushroom, Condensed, Reduced Sodium
Salmon, Pink, Canned	
Salmon, Pink, Canned (K)	
KEY:	
H- Halal Certification Required	
K- Kosher Certification Required	
IQF- Individually Quick Frozen	
UHT- Ultra-High Temperature Pasteurization	
LFTB OTP – Lean Finely Textured Beef Optional	
WG – Whole Grain	

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